

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

## VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

January 29, 2013

## EPA CERCLA Section 104(e) Request for Information

Mr. Rex Tillerson, CEO Exxon Mobil Corporation 5959 Las Colinas Boulevard Irving, Texas 75039

Re: Supplemental 104 (e) Request for Information Related to Omega

Chemical Corporation Superfund Site; Real Property Located at

10607 Norwalk Boulevard, Santa Fe Springs, CA

Dear Mr. Tillerson:

As you may be aware, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is spending public funds to investigate and respond to the release of hazardous substances into soil and groundwater at the Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site ("Site") in Los Angeles County, California. As part of its ongoing investigation of the Site, EPA is seeking to determine the nature and extent of contamination at the Site, to assess the effects of contamination on the environment and public health, and to identify activities and parties that have or may have contributed to contamination at the Site.

We have received and reviewed Exxon Mobil Corporation's October 24, 2011 and October 25, 2012 responses relating to 10607 Norwalk Boulevard. We appreciate Exxon Mobil Corporation's response to those Requests for Information, and the information provided therewith. Based on our review of Exxon Mobil Corporation's responses, and our further investigation of the Site, we believe Exxon Mobil Corporation may have additional information that may assist EPA in its investigation of the Site. Consequently, we are hereby requesting the following additional information from Exxon Mobil Corporation.

1. State the full legal name, address, telephone number, position(s) held by, and tenure of, the individual(s) answering any of these questions on behalf of Exxon Mobil Corporation, and/or any of its predecessors, subsidiaries, affiliated businesses or commercial enterprises, or successor companies (collectively hereinafter, "ExxonMobil") concerning the facility and/or facilities formerly located at 10607 Norwalk Boulevard, Santa Fe Springs, CA and/or the addresses identified in this Question Number 1 (the

- "Property"). For purposes of this Request for Information, in addition to 10607 Norwalk Boulevard, the Property also includes the parcels designated with current Assessor's Parcel Numbers 8009-025-067, 8009-025-069, and 8009-025-070 and/or former Assessor's Parcel Number 8009-025-008, where ExxonMobil's operations and/or ownership occurred. EPA has information indicating that ExxonMobil owned and operated property with the following current street addresses: 10623 Fulton Wells Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA; 10628 Fulton Wells Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA; and 10629 Norwalk Boulevard, Santa Fe Springs, CA.
- 2. With respect to Question 2 in your October 24, 2011 104(e) response, you state that "ExxonMobil's interest in the 'Property' ceased in 2001." Identify the dates ExxonMobil operated at the Property, and distinguish between Exxon Mobil Corporation and any predecessors, subsidiaries, affiliated businesses or commercial enterprises, or successor companies, e.g., ExxonMobil Foundation. If you were not the owner of the Property at any time during your period of operations there, provide a copy of the lease(s), rental agreements(s) or any other document(s) that establish(es) your relationship to the Property.
- 3. Describe the corporate affiliation between Exxon Mobil Corporation and ExxonMobil Foundation (survivor of a merger with Mobil Foundation, Inc.).
- 4. Describe the corporate affiliation between Exxon Mobil Corporation and Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc.
- 5. Describe Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc.'s involvement at the Property and identify the dates of its involvement. Include a description of any operations conducted by Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc. and identify any hazardous chemicals, substances, or products used in those operations.
- 6. Documents obtained by EPA indicate that historical operations have occurred at the Property that have not been addressed by ExxonMobil in previous responses. A February 25, 2000 Environmental Site Assessment ("ESA") prepared by ATC Associates Inc. indicates that trucking operations were previously conducted in the central portion of the Property. The ESA also indicates that the northeastern portion of the Property was at one time leased to a company that reportedly used solvents. For both of these operations, and any other operations known to ExxonMobil, provide details including the name of the operator(s), dates of operations, a description of the operations, and types and quantities of solvents used. As part of your response, include any leases, rental agreements, access agreements, or other agreements made with parties associated with these operations.

EPA has the authority to request this information pursuant to Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e). Please note that failure to respond fully and truthfully to this request may result in civil actions and penalties.

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Please refer to our July 26, 2011 Request for Information (enclosed) for instructions with respect to your response, including instructions as to the assertion of a business confidentiality claim and the determination of the scope of our request. Those instructions continue to apply and are hereby incorporated into this Supplemental Request for Information. Please provide your response, in writing, within <u>fifteen (15) calendar days</u> of your receipt of this letter; we will consider this letter to have been received by you seven calendar days after its date. Your response should be directed to:

Keith Olinger, SFD-7-5 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX Superfund Division 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, California 94105

If you have questions regarding this Request for Information, please contact Steve Berninger, Assistant Regional Counsel, at (415) 972-3909, or Keith Olinger, Enforcement Officer, at (415) 972-3125. If you have questions about the history of the Site, the nature of the environmental conditions at the Site, or the status of cleanup activities, please contact Lynda Deschambault, Remedial Project Manager, at (415) 947-4183.

We appreciate and look forward to your prompt response to this Request for Information.

Sincerely,

Kathi Moore, Manager

Case Development/Cost Recovery Section

Site Cleanup Branch Superfund Division

## Enclosures

• EPA's July 26, 2011 104(e) Request for Information to ExxonMobil Corporation.

cc: Steve Berninger, EPA Lynda Deschambault, EPA Keith Olinger, EPA